

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the state personnel director to review the assignment of the special officers who provide security for the state capitol complex and governor's residence to an appropriate unit for the purpose of allowing those employees to select an employee organization as an exclusive negotiating organization.

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Whereas, Executive order 90-6 establishes the procedures for recognition of employee organizations representing employees of the executive branch of state government;

Whereas, Executive order 90-6 divides the state job classifications into eleven (11) categories called "appropriate units" for the purpose of allowing state employees in each appropriate unit to elect an employee organization that may be recognized by the state personnel director as the unit's exclusive negotiating organization;

Whereas, At the time executive order 90-6 was issued, the state personnel director assigned each employee to an appropriate unit based on the employee's job classification and position, taking into account the principles of efficient administration of government, the existence of a community of interest among the employees assigned to a unit, and the recommendations of the parties involved;

Whereas, At the time executive order 90-6 was issued, the employees who provide security for the state capitol complex and the governor's residence were security officers appointed by the commissioner of the department of administration;

Whereas, At the time executive order 90-6 was issued, the



state personnel director assigned the security officers for the state capitol complex to appropriate unit 10 along with employees who are correctional officers, firefighters, and motor carrier inspectors of the state police department;

Whereas, Under P.L.123-2002, the responsibility for providing security and preserving the peace at the state capitol building, the state office buildings, the state parking facilities, the state motor pool garage, the state warehouses, the Indiana state library, the governor's residence, and other buildings or properties used by the state to house personnel or activities of an agency or branch of state government or to provide transportation or parking for state employees or persons having business with state government was transferred from the department of administration to the state police department;

Whereas, Under P.L.123-2002, the employees engaged in security activities at those state buildings or properties became special officers of the state police department;

Whereas, The duties, responsibilities, and concerns of those special officers are more similar to those of the law enforcement officers of the state police department, conservation officers, and excise police who are members of appropriate unit 11 than to those of the correctional officers, firefighters, and motor carrier inspectors who compose appropriate unit 10; and

Whereas, The special officers involved desire to be members of appropriate unit 11 and believe that reassignment to appropriate unit 11 will assist the state police department in the recruitment and retention of special officers: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the state personnel director to review the assignment to an appropriate unit of the special officers who provide security at the state capitol complex using the factors listed in section 14 of executive order 90-6: the principles of efficient administration of government, the existence of



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a community of interest among the employees assigned to a unit, and the recommendations of the parties involved.

SECTION 2. If the state personnel director determines that the reassignment of the special officers to another appropriate unit is advisable, the Indiana General Assembly further urges the state personnel director to determine the simplest and quickest way to accomplish the reassignment given the legal and practical issues involved, including compliance with Article 1, Section 24 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the state personnel director and to the governor.

